

Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

January 2008

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index increased 0.1 percent between December 2007 and January 2008 while the Canada All-items Index declined 0.2 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index rose 0.1 percent and 0.2 percent, respectively, during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the January All-items Index increased from December 2007 primarily due to increased prices for gasoline, women's clothing and water. Prices also rose for homeowners' home and mortgage insurance, mortgage interest cost, fresh vegetables and cigarettes.

Moderating these increases were lower prices for recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles), purchase and operation of recreational vehicles and purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles. Prices also fell for travel tours, inter-city transportation, electricity, and prescribed medicines.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 3.2 percent between January 2007 and January 2008 while the Canada All-items Index increased 2.2 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 2.7 percent and 4.3 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The January All-items Index increased from January 2007 primarily due to higher prices for housing replacement cost, homeowners' home and mortgage insurance, mortgage interest cost and other owned accommodation expenses. Prices also rose for gasoline, food purchased from restaurants and rent.

These increases were partially offset by decreased prices for purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, passenger vehicle insurance premiums and recreational equipment and services (excluding recreation vehicles). Prices also fell for natural gas, fresh fruit, fresh or frozen beef and personal care supplies and equipment.

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ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA

	Index		Percent Change	
	<u>Jan. 2008</u>	<u>Dec. 2007</u>	<u>Dec. 2007</u> to <u>Jan. 2008</u>	<u>Jan. 2007</u> to <u>Jan. 2008</u>
	(2002 = 100)			
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	113.0	112.9	0.1	3.2
Food	111.0	110.6	0.4	0.3
Shelter	129.4	128.6	0.6	11.0
Household Operations and Furnishings	100.4	100.8	-0.4	0.0
Clothing and Footwear	94.7	93.1	1.7	-0.7
Transportation	114.1	114.0	0.1	1.6
Health and Personal Care	105.0	106.0	-0.9	1.3
Recreation, Education and Reading	101.4	102.9	-1.5	0.0
Tobacco and Alcohol	128.5	127.4	0.9	3.3
All-Items Excluding Energy	111.0	110.9	0.1	2.6
Energy	132.6	131.8	0.6	8.2
CANADA				
All-Items	111.8	112.0	-0.2	2.2
Food	112.4	111.7	0.6	1.4
Shelter	119.2	119.2	0.0	3.8
Household Operations and Furnishings	103.3	103.5	-0.2	0.9
Clothing and Footwear	92.2	93.7	-1.6	-2.1
Transportation	117.6	117.5	0.1	3.8
Health and Personal Care	107.5	107.7	-0.2	1.1
Recreation, Education and Reading	99.6	101.2	-1.6	0.4
Tobacco and Alcohol	126.4	126.2	0.2	1.8
All-Items Excluding Energy	109.6	109.8	-0.2	1.3
Energy	139.0	138.2	0.6	11.0
REGINA				
All-Items	112.3	112.2	0.1	2.7
SASKATOON				
All-Items	114.2	114.0	0.2	4.3

Note: These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

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PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES

	Percent Change	
	<u>Dec. 2007</u> to <u>Jan. 2008</u>	<u>Jan. 2007</u> to <u>Jan. 2008</u>
Canada	-0.2	2.2
Newfoundland	0.1	2.1
Prince Edward Island	-0.4	2.4
Nova Scotia	-0.1	3.1
New Brunswick	-0.2	2.3
Quebec	-0.1	2.0
Ontario	-0.2	2.1
Manitoba	-0.1	1.6
Saskatchewan	0.1	3.2
Alberta	-0.1	3.6
British Columbia	-0.2	0.8
Whitehorse	-0.2	3.2
Yellowknife	-0.5	2.2
Iqaluit	-0.5	1.7

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PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES

	Percent Change	
	<u>Dec. 2007</u> to <u>Jan. 2008</u>	<u>Jan. 2007</u> to <u>Jan. 2008</u>
St. John's	0.1	2.2
Charlottetown-Summerside	-0.4	2.5
Halifax	-0.2	2.9
Saint John	-0.2	2.3
Quebec City	-0.2	1.9
Montreal	-0.2	1.9
Ottawa	-0.4	1.8
Toronto	-0.4	2.3
Thunder Bay	-0.2	1.6
Winnipeg	0.0	1.6
Regina	0.1	2.7
Saskatoon	0.2	4.3
Edmonton	-0.1	4.0
Calgary	-0.1	3.4
Vancouver	-0.3	1.1
Victoria	-0.3	0.3
Whitehorse	-0.2	3.2
Yellowknife	-0.5	2.2
Iqaluit	-0.5	1.7

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